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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Compounds Modulating Sister Chromatid Separation and Method for  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$630.00 to cover: Notice of Appeal fee (\$510.00), and One month Extension of Time (\$120.00);
3. Notice of Appeal;
4. Petition for Extension of Time (1 month);
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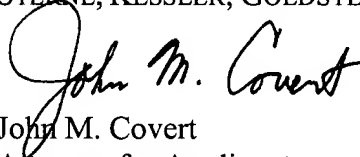
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